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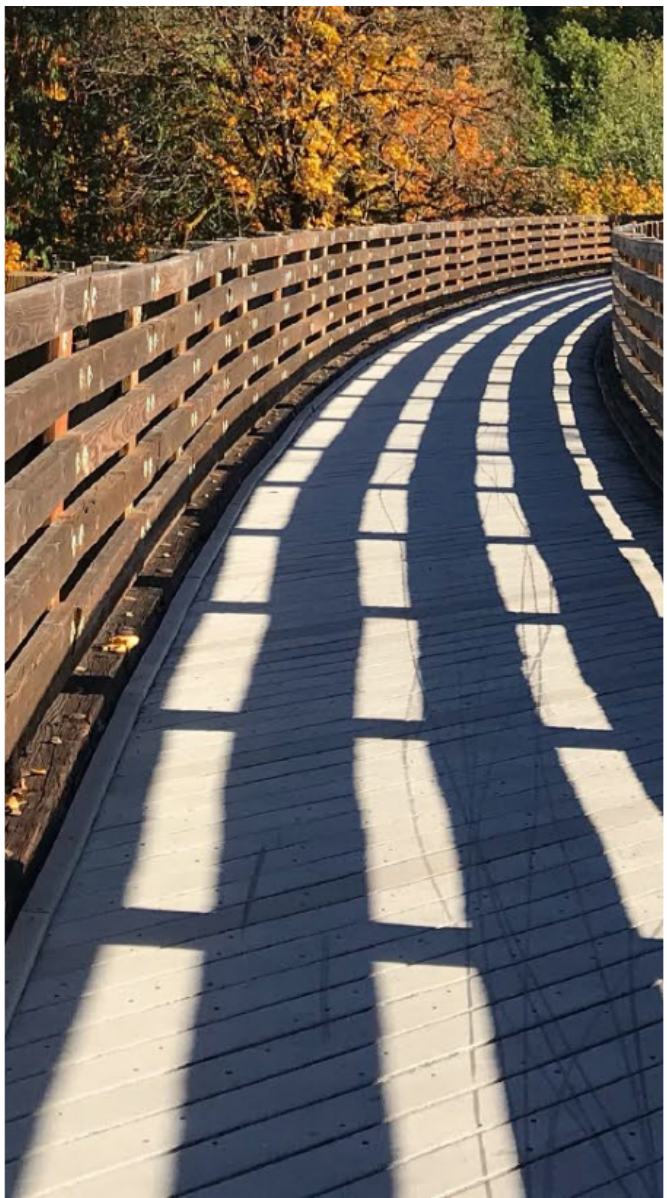

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While the trail provides an escape into nature for locals and visitors alike, it is also an important active-transportation route with access to neighborhoods, community sports fields, schools, and waterfront dining on the Chesapeake Bay. For active tourists, the trail provides pedestrian and bicyclist access to nearby lodgings.

About the Route

Leaving off from Long Point Park in Grasonville, the trail heads west along the northern side of the Blue Star Memorial Highway. At Kent Narrows Road, the trail crosses south under US 50/301 and then heads west again, intersecting with the causeway across Kent Narrows. Here, the trail transitions to a protected bicycle and pedestrian lane. Between Old Love Point Park and Kent Island High School, the trail crosses Old Love Point Road, where trail users will find clearly marked road crossings. There are several other road crossings over the course of the trail, all of which are well-marked and easy to navigate.

The trail reaches Terrapin Nature Park, a 276-acre facility featuring over 3 miles of walking and nature trails. Following signs to beach access will bring trail users to a sandy shoreline with panoramic views of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Nearby nature trails—including a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk—will take trail users through wildflower meadows, woodlands, wetlands, and tidal ponds.

With many access points along its route, this tree-lined trail takes trail users from neighborhood green space to boatyards and wetlands, with frequent glimpses of waterfowl and wildlife before depositing them at the Terrapin Nature Center. Over the Cross Island Trail's 6.5-mile course, the trail frequently intersects with water, traversing numerous wetlands and inlets and delivering views of the Chesapeake Bay. Ospreys are frequent visitors along the trail, as they hunt and care for their young in nests built in the wetland areas.

Trail History

Several miles of The Cross Island Trail, between Macum Creek in Chester and Old Love Point Park in Stevensville, follow the former Kent Island Railroad. The railroad was operated by Queen Anne's Railroad Company and brought the first passenger rail to the island. Though passenger service was short-lived, the railroad continued to carry freight until the 1950s. At Cox Creek, notice the pilings and lower

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States: Maryland
Counties: Queen Annes
Length: 9.13miles
Trail end points: Kent Island Cross Country Course (Stevensville) to Saddler Rd. (Grasonville)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Boardwalk
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Cross Island Trail runs between Kent Island Cross Country Course (Stevensville), and Saddler Rd. (Grasonville).

Parking is available at:

- 191 Log Canoe Cir (Stevensville)
- 107 Jackson Creek Rd (Grasonville)
- 300 Old Love Point Rd (Stevensville)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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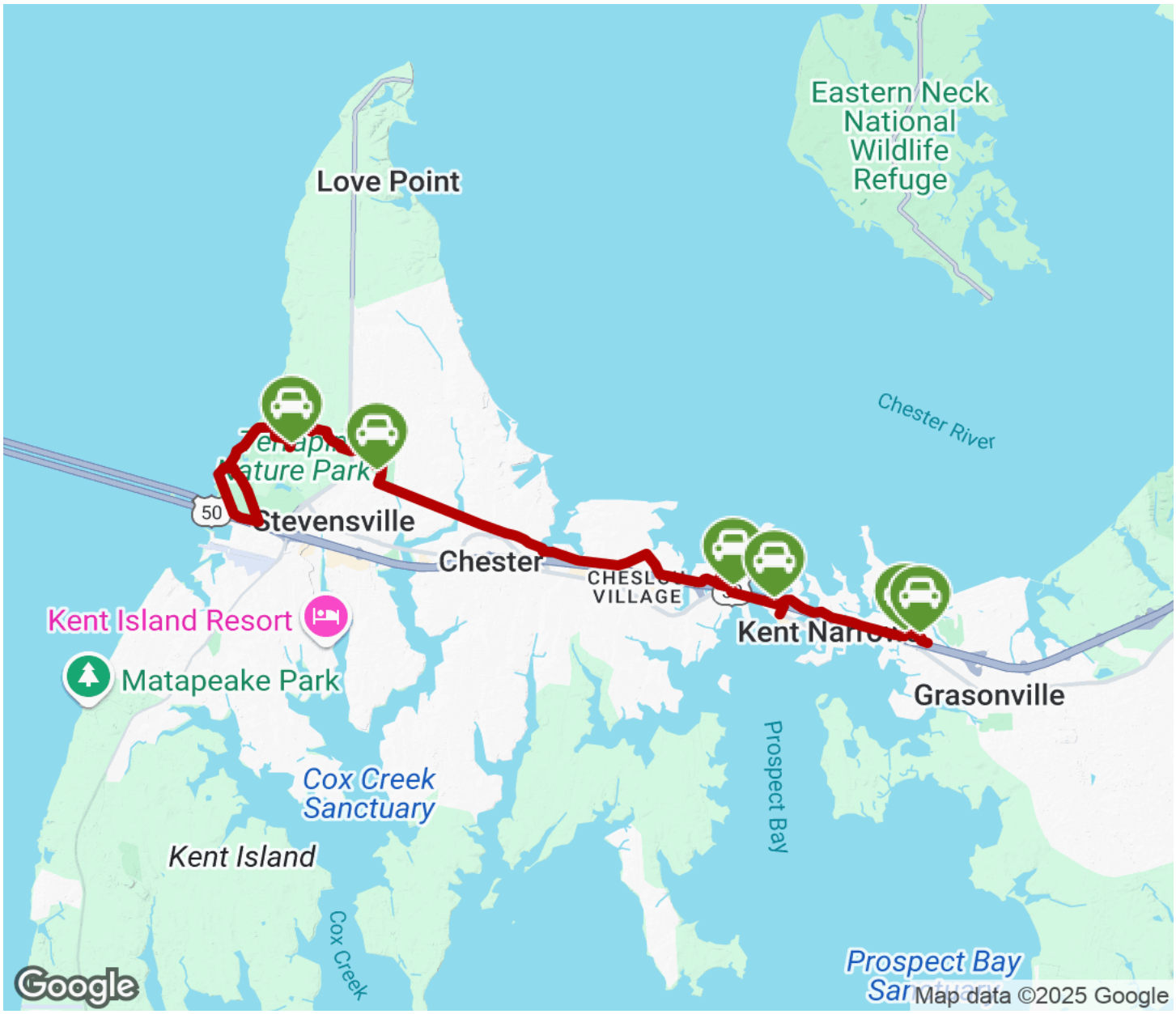

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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